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SUBJECT: WHALE CONSERVATION MEASURES

REF: A. SEOUL 1144; B. MEXICO 2689; C. SEOUL 1256

1. FOLLOWING ARE QUOTAS FOR INDICATED NORTH PACIFIC  
COASTAL WHALING SEASONS AND STOCKS OF WHALES:

A. 1976 SEASON

1. FIN - ZERO
2. BRYDES - 1363
3. MINKE - NO QUOTA

B. 1977 SEASON

1. FIN - ZERO

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2. BRYDES - 1000
3. MINKE - 541 FOR WESTERN STOCK (INCLUDING SEA OF  
OKHOTSK AND SEA OF JAPAN, LATTER WHERE KOREANS  
PRESUMABLY DO MAJORITY OF THEIR WHALING)

C. 1978 SEASON

1. FIN - ZERO

2. BRYDES - 524
3. MINKE - 400 FOR SEA OF OKHOTSK, NO QUOTA FOR SEA

OF JAPAN, ZERO FOR ALL OTHER STOCKS.

2. OBVIOUSLY, ANY KOREAN TAKE OF FIN SHALES WOULD EXCEED IWC QUOTA.

3. IN 1976, USSR TOOK 679 BRYDES, JAPAN 661 BRYDES, TOTALING 1340. THEREFORE, CLAIMED KOREAN TAKE OF 43 BRYDES RESULTED IN IWC QUOTA BEING EXCEEDED BY 21 WHALES. UNFORTUNATELY, 1977 CATCH DATA NOT YET AVAILABLE FROM USSR AND JAPAN.

4. FOR MINKE WHALE, JAPANESE PROBABLY TOOK MOST OF QUOTA FOR WESTERN PACIFIC STOCK IN 1977. THEREFORE, 1033 MINKE WHALES TAKEN BY KOREA WERE LARGE OVERRUN OF IWC QUOTA OF 541 ESPECIALLY SINCE IT WAS 129 PERCENT INCREASE OVER 1976 TAKE. SITUATION ON MINKE WHALE QUOTAS FLUCTUATING BECAUSE OF LACK OF DATA ON STOCKS. NO QUOTA SET FOR 1978 (ALTHOUGH MINKE CONSIDERED SUSTAINED MANAGEMENT STOCK), BUT WHALING NATIONS ASKED NOT TO INCREASE THEIR CATCH. USG VERY CONCERNED ABOUT HIGH KOREA TAKE OF MINKE SINCE SO LITTLE KNOWN ABOUT THESE STOCKS.

5. IF KOREA WERE MEMBER IWC, WOULD BE ENTITLED TO PARTS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF QUOTAS ON BRYDES AND MINKE WHALES. DIVISION OF QUOTAS IS LEFT TO DECISION AMONG INTERESTED MEMBER NATIONS. IN CASE OF BRYDES WHALES, USSR AND JAPAN; IN CASE OF MINKE, ONLY JAPAN.

6. USG ENCOURAGED THAT ROK TAKING SOME STEPS TO ABANDON WHALING AND STRONGLY URGES ROK TO JOIN IWC. USG WOULD BE GLAD TO SEND EXPERT IN MID-MAY TO OBSERVE ROK WHALING OPERATIONS AND DISCUSS IDENTIFICATION AND RESEARCH QUESTIONS AND ROK PARTICIPATION IN IWC. WOULD APPRECIATE SUGGESTION ON SPECIFIC DATES FOR VISIT.

7. USG CONSIDERATION OF IMPLEMENTATION OF PELLY AMENDMENT SANCTIONS AGAINST ROK STILL PROCEEDING WITH HOPE FINAL PRESIDENTIAL DECISION WILL BE MADE BEFORE IWC MEETING IN MID-JUNE.

8. REP OF NOAA/NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE HAS DISCUSSED ALL OF ABOVE WITH KROEA FISH ATT. HERE IN WASHINGTON.

9. POUCHING GENERAL BACKGROUND PAPER ON IWC AND COPY OF

REPORT FROM COMMERCE SECRETARY KREPS T O PRESIDENT  
CARTER ON PELLY AMENDMENT CONSIDERATIONS. VANCE

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